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ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- US Supreme Ct

EDUCATION

- The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, J.D., cum laude
- The George Washington University, B.A., magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP
Partner, 2023-Present
Counsel, 2020-2022
- The Catholic University of America Office of General Counsel, 2011-2020

COMMUNITY

- City Year Washington, D.C.,
Executive Board (2024-Present)

AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of College and University Attorneys, 2012-Present

A former deputy general counsel for a private university, Scott understands the unique challenges that our higher education clients face and how to best help them achieve their goals.

Drawing on his experience in a university general counsel's office, Scott brings a practical, 'in-house' perspective to the complex legal, regulatory, and compliance issues of our clients. He knows that each institution has its own priorities, goals, and challenges, and that legal advice must be tailored to fit the culture and business model of the school.

Scott is well-versed in navigating all types of day-to-day and long term legal demands facing colleges and universities, but has particular experience in the areas of discrimination law, student affairs, contract drafting and review, policy development, and implementing controls to mitigate risk. He also handles a wide variety of regulatory and transactional work for institutions of higher education.

Scott has been an active member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys since 2012 and has served on a variety of association committees. While in law school, Scott was a law clerk in the Department of Education's Office of the General Counsel.

Experience

• Representative Experience

Represented institutions in investigations conducted by the U.S. Department of Education regarding Title IX, ADA/Section 504 compliance, allegations of discrimination, and federal financial aid compliance.

Counseled institutions, higher education companies, and prospective institutions on federal financial aid compliance, accreditation standards, and state authorization requirements.

Led investigations of staff and faculty regarding alleged misconduct and advised on employee conduct proceedings.

Counseled institutions on compliance with federal regulations, including Title IX, ADA/Section 504, FERPA, the Clery Act.

Advised institutions with respect to mergers, sales, and acquisitions before the U.S. Department of Education, accrediting agencies, and state licensing agencies.

Drafted and revised institutional policies and faculty and student handbooks.

Designed and delivered compliance training on Title IX, ADA/Section 504, FERPA, and the Clery Act.

Assisted in the creation of institution-wide compliance programs and initiatives.

Advised institutions in audits and reviews conducted by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Counseled institution on summer camps risks and the creation of protection of minors policy and procedures.

Presentations

- "Title IX Regulations Update" American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges Webinar, October 2024
- "Hot Topics in FERPA," SUNY Online Summit, March 2023
- "All Speech Considered: Expressive Activity in a Virtual World," NACUA Spring CLE 2021
- "Policy Management: The Most Important Things You Are Not Doing," NACUA Annual Conference, 2018
- "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah, Hello Lawyah? Managing Camp Risks and Liability," NACUA Webinar, 2017

Publications

- Quoted, "Alleging 'Negligence,' Fordham Files to Cut Ties With 2U" *Inside Higher Ed*, September 12, 2024
- Quoted, "Why Colleges May Rethink Their Online Programs After 2U Declares Bankruptcy" *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 25, 2024
- Quoted, "Nearly 700 More Colleges Don't Have to Comply With New Title IX Rule" *Inside Higher Ed*, July 17, 2024
- Quoted, "Is Biden's Title IX rule built to last? This expert is unsure," *University Business*, April 23, 2024
- Co-Author, "All Speech Considered: Expressive Activity in a Virtual World," *NACUA Spring CLE 2021*
- Co-Author, "Managing Camp Liability," *NACUANOTE 2017*